

written in decipherable characters; but if that were true, it would not be necessary to put copy in the printer's hands at all.

Of course there will be some mistakes even when the copy is perfect, and it should be remembered that at the small expense at which we are compelled to bring out the *EVANGELIST* that we can't employ *experts* on any part of the work. For this reason we must beg the indulgence of all who write for our columns in the many imperfections which they find, and ask them to observe our rule to write only on alternate lines, and as far as possible, distinctly mark their paragraphs.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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The price of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST from July 1st to January 1st is 75 cents.

A good thing to have, education; a better, religion; the best, *both*.

Bro. W. W. Summers reports another addition at Maple Grove, Ind., with large crowds in attendance.

We want our preachers to come to the conference and bring that best sermon along, for you will need it.

The final report of the successful revival held by Bro. Koontz at Conemaugh, Pa. will be found in this number.

If you want an education and want to know what Ashland College can do for you write Dr. Garst for a catalogue.

Only a few more numbers before National conference: can we now hear from the committee on arrangements.

Two more added to the church at New Troy, Mich. Sister Laura Grossnickle preaches for them every other Sunday.

We expect to publish the program for the National conference in the next number, this will lay the foundation for active preparation for our meeting next August.

Bro. J. H. Palmer writes for sample *EVANGELISTS*, saying that he is about to organize a new church in the vicinity of Auburn, Ind., and that twelve had already come out.

The resolutions adopted by the Ohio Conference as printed in this number in regard to the liquor and tobacco habits have the right ring; we love our church more than ever when such resolutions can be passed by a state conference of our brethren.

"The wages of sin is death." Satan not only pays his followers as they go on sinning but he heaps it up at the last pay day and the man that sins can be sure he will get his wages.

Bro. Holsinger under date of June 7th, says: "expect wife home after an absence of nearly three months." Having the tooth ache when he wrote, he made his letter severely short.

Let every church and if possible every King's children and Sister's society be represented at the next conference. The money spent in this way, you will find will be used to a good purpose.

The National conference has decided that tuition to the theological department shall be free to those coming recommended by their home church. This is a grand opportunity for our young people.

The strongest man for Christ is the educated Christian, as for example, Paul the lawyer and theologian stands foremost as a writer and expounder, but like Paul he must know Christ to be successful for him.

There is or soon will be another Brethren church house in this township. A large hearted brother whose name we are not allowed to use has bought the house and will fit it for preaching. So the good work goes on.

The plasterers and carpenters have been doing what little repairing was needed on the college buildings, and the work of thoroughly cleaning and preparing the boarding-hall for the reception of delegates and students will be started soon.

Notice the man who cries "hard times" and see what luxuries he is willing to give up. See if he clings to his church paper, his church obligations, or to the tobacco, whiskey, theater, base ball and horse race. What a man must have is a good index to his character.

Oh, that all Christians would take God's plan for suppressing evil. It is this: "Overcome evil with good." God is good, then fill the heart with God and evil will flee like darkness from the presence of the great luminary of the day. The light of the Son of righteousness will drive away all the blackness and darkness of evil.

Here is what an Ashland paper says of the coming conference: "The Progressive branch of the Brethren, or Dunkard church, will hold their national conference at the college here the last week of next August. The meeting will not begin to reach the one held here a number of years ago so far as attendance is concerned, as that conference was held before the division in the church, but at the least estimate the number of visiting people will reach 500."

Although we may laugh ourselves into hell it is impossible to laugh ourselves out.

As man's worst foes are they of his own house, so the worst foes of the church are its reputed supporters and defenders. The danger of their attacks arises from the fact that they come from *within* and not from without.

As one sees and thinks of the enormous sum of money expended in erecting the World's Fair buildings, and now sees them being torn down he can not avoid thinking of the enormous *waste* the fair has been to this country. Add to the cost of preparation for holding the fair the much greater cost of attending it and the waste reaches dimensions too great for comprehension. No wonder we are seeing "hard times." Too much of our money has gone into channels from which our only returns are eyes sore with seeing and feet weary with walking.

"Charlie Newcomer" is the subject of a brief biography by Wilbur B. Stover, the appointed missionary of the German Baptists to India, Published by Jas M. Neff, Covington, Ohio. Price 25 cents.

It is the story of a boy of religious convictions whose parents though members of church were fearful that Charlie was "not old enough" to be a member of church. Although the literary style is not fine the frame work is good and the tone excellent. The reading of it brought the heroic struggles of dear little Homer to be a Christian so vividly before us that we read almost the entire book through tears. It is the first volume yet issued from a Dunkard press for children, and will do much good.

Although "times are hard,, every where, there are still few places where we might not have it worse. A subscriber in the far west writes; I may disappoint you not because I want to, but because I may be disappointed myself. I live in the timber, and am hewing out a farm. This is fifteen miles from the prairie where we must all go to earn *cash*. Last fall there was so much rain in harvest and threshing time that some farmers could not save any wheat fit for flour. One man had four-hundred acres of grain in shock. He threshed one-hundred acres last fall and the remainder stood in the field till spring. Thousands of acres were not cut at all. Not one dollar has come into my hand yet from work in the harvest field last summer. "We see hard times for sure."

Stinginess and economy are not akin to each other.

A happy fireside is better than a big bank account.

It is impossible to read without profiting by it.

He who never drives his work is always driven by it.